

## 2018 Current Fiscal Year Report: Southwest Resource Advisory Council

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### 1. Department or Agency

Department of the Interior

### 2. Fiscal Year

2018

### 3. Committee or Subcommittee

Southwest Resource Advisory Council

### 3b. GSA Committee No.

2042

### 4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?

No

### 5. Current Charter

03/05/2018

### 6. Expected Renewal Date

03/05/2020

### 7. Expected Term Date

### 8a. Was Terminated During Fiscal Year?

No

### 8b. Specific Termination Authority

### 8c. Actual Term Date

### 9. Agency Recommendation for Next Fiscal Year

Continue

### 10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?

Not Applicable

### 10b. Legislation Pending?

Not Applicable

### 11. Establishment Authority Statutory (Congress Created)

### 12. Specific Establishment Authority

Federal Land Policy and Management Act, Sec. 309

### 13. Effective Date

10/21/1976

### 14. Committee Type

Continuing

### 14c. Presidential?

No

### 15. Description of Committee Non Scientific Program Advisory Board

### 16a. Total Number of Reports

No Reports for this Fiscal Year

### 17a. Open 0 17b. Closed 0 17c. Partially Closed 0 Other Activities 0 17d. Total 0 Meetings and Dates

No Meetings

	Current FY	Next FY
18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members	\$0.00	\$6,667.00
18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members	\$0.00	\$0.00
18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants	\$0.00	\$0.00
18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)	\$0.00	\$667.00
18d. Total	\$0.00	\$39,334.00
19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)	0.00	0.40

**20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?**

The committee did not meet in FY18. During FY 2017, the Southwest RAC worked with BLM managers and staff to identify issues, hear from the public and the BLM, interact with local and state government representatives, and formulate public land management-related recommendations to the BLM.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**

The Southwest RAC is composed of 15 members balanced among the following groups and within those groups: Category I includes those holding Federal grazing permits or leases, interests associated with transportation or rights-of-way, developed outdoor recreation, OHV users, or commercial recreation activities, commercial timber industry or energy and mineral development; Category II includes nationally or regionally recognized environmental organizations, dispersed recreation activities, archaeological and historical interests or nationally or regionally recognized wild horse and burro interest groups; Category III includes state, county or locally elected office-holders, employee of a State agency responsible for the management of natural resources, Indian tribes within or adjacent to the area for which the RAC is organized, are employed as academicians in natural resource management or the natural sciences or represent the public-at-large.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**

The Southwest RAC did not meet in FY18 and held one meeting FY 2017.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**

The Southwest RAC provides the BLM an additional source of expertise from a wide variety of backgrounds from members and others who have a high interest in public land resources and their management. The RAC's focus during FY 2017 was positive and solution-oriented. The RAC has demonstrated a willingness to solve problems and work on the basis of consensus and collaboration. The BLM is provided with a source of accurate and timely information and recommendations from a group of individuals keenly aware of their constituents' viewpoints.

**20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?**

All meetings are open to the public. Notices of the meetings are published in the Federal Register, posted on the BLM Colorado website, and distributed to local newspapers.

**21. Remarks**

The SW Colorado RAC did not meet in FY 18.

## Designated Federal Officer

Stephanie Connolly BLM Southwest District Manager

Committee Members	Start	End	Occupation	Member Designation
Austin, Mark	09/17/2018	06/01/2021	Engineer	Representative Member
Brandt, Laurie	01/19/2016	01/19/2019	Archeology	Representative Member
Buck, Lori	01/17/2016	01/17/2019	City of Fruita	Representative Member
Buickerood, James	01/19/2016	01/19/2019	Non-profit	Representative Member
DelPiccolo, Renzo	10/05/2011	06/01/2021	Area Wildlife Manager, Colorado Division of Wildlife	Representative Member
Gleason, Bill	10/05/2014	06/01/2021	Retired	Representative Member
Justman, John	12/20/2016	12/20/2019	Mesa County Commissioner	Representative Member
Neuhof, Joseph	12/20/2016	12/20/2019	Colorado Canyons Association	Representative Member
Reams, John	10/05/2011	06/01/2021	President/CEO, Reams Construction	Representative Member
Rodriguez, Latifia	12/20/2016	12/20/2019	Self employed	Representative Member
Roeber, Jonathan	12/20/2016	12/20/2019	Rancher	Representative Member
Steele, Kathleen	09/17/2018	06/01/2021	interested member of public	Representative Member
Welt, Kathleen	12/20/2017	12/20/2019	Arch Coal Engineer	Representative Member
William, Ernest	12/20/2016	12/20/2019	Dolores County	Representative Member
Zeller, Christi	12/20/2016	12/20/2019	LaPlata Energy Council	Representative Member

**Number of Committee Members Listed: 15**

## Narrative Description

The Southwest RAC supports the BLM in a number of ways. The RAC reviewed the Dominguez-Escalante National Conservation Area Resource Management Plan in order to take over this area as the Dominguez-Escalante Advisory Council expires at the beginning of FY18. They also familiarized themselves with travel management implementation projects to provide insight into these ongoing efforts throughout the Southwest District. Through these actions, the RAC supports the BLM's mission and effective public land management goals.

## What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?

Checked if Applies

Improvements to health or safety	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trust in government	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Major policy changes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Advance in scientific research	<input type="checkbox"/>
Effective grant making	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improved service delivery	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased customer satisfaction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

## Outcome Comments

The Southwest RAC provides productive dialogue that facilitates all of the above marked.

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

None	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unable to Determine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Under \$100,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$100,000 - \$500,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$500,001 - \$1,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$1,000,001 - \$5,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
\$5,000,001 - \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Over \$10,000,000	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cost Savings Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Cost Savings Comments**

An in-depth analysis has not been done to determine cost savings associated with the Southwest RAC. However, the contributions of the RAC are of great benefit to the BLM.

**What is the approximate Number of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

83

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

The RAC did not meet in FY18. The RAC had one meeting in FY17 and did not approve formal recommendations. The RAC passed several resolutions in recent years. In FY16 they supported the Oh Be Joyful business plan to initiate a campground fee structure. In FY14, the RAC provided two recommendations. The RAC recommended the continuation of a sub-group to advise the Tres Rios Field Office on oil and gas development and recommended the BLM implement a system to determine which land tenure projects should take priority. In FY13, the RAC recommended the BLM approve the range of alternatives for the Uncompahgre Resource Management plan and the establishment of the oil and gas sub-group. In FY12, the RAC considered making hydrology a special resource for the North Fork Valley 2012 oil and gas lease sale, recommending further socioeconomic analysis, but this resolution failed. Also in FY12, the RAC approved the continuation of its Recreation RAC role of reviewing recreation fee proposals under the Federal Land Recreation Enhancement Act.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Fully implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations Fully Implemented Comments**

The BLM has considered the Southwest RAC's recommendations, provided feedback, and implemented them appropriately.

**What is the approximate Percentage of these recommendations that have been or will be Partially implemented by the agency?**

0%

**% of Recommendations Partially Implemented Comments**

N/A

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**

Yes ☒ No ☐ Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**

The BLM provides feedback to the RAC through written documentation, including e-mail and presentations at meetings. The field offices provide feedback to RAC members on the proposals and presentations the RAC generates.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

Checked if Applies

Reorganized Priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reallocated resources	<input type="checkbox"/>
Issued new regulation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Proposed legislation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Approved grants or other payments	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**Action Comments**

The BLM management has made better informed decisions regarding public land management given the RAC's active roles in their individual communities.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**

No

**Grant Review Comments**

N/A

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

Checked if Applies

Contact DFO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Agency Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online Committee Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Online GSA FACA Web Site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Publications	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Access Comments**

N/A